

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/820,572

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/9/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/28/05
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric S. Hyman on September 28, 2005.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: fig 1 must be labeled --Prior Art--. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

The claims has been amended as follows:

- In claim 2 line 4-5 --a-- has replaced "an orifice to the";
- In claim 3 line 1-2 --either claim 1 or 2--has replaced "any of the previous claims";
- In claim 4 line 1-2 -- either claim 1 or 2--has replaced "any of the previous claims";
- In claim 5 line 1-2 --claim 1--has replaced "any of the previous claims";
- In claim 6 line 1-2 -- either claim 1 or 2--has replaced "any of the previous claims";
- In claim 8 line 1 -- either claim 1 or 2--has replaced "any of claims 1 to 5";
- In claim 8 line 3 -- centering--has replaced "centring";
- In claim 9 line 1-2 -- either claim 1 or 2--has replaced "any of the previous claims".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: the combination of elements as claimed is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement over the invention patented by Applicant's admitted prior art or Bennett et al. Applicant's admitted prior art discloses a hydraulic jack comprising a hollow valve seat (2) extending substantially longitudinally between two end sections, with a body of the valve seat connected to a source of pressurized fluid (4); each end of the valve seat being connected to a chamber (1, 2) of the hydraulic jack and receiving a valve.

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Bennett et al discloses a hydraulic jack comprising a hollow valve seat (2) extending substantially longitudinally between two end sections, with a body of the valve seat connected to a source of pressurized fluid (via 44); each end of the valve seat being connected to a chamber (54, 52) of the hydraulic jack and receiving a valve (66, 64).

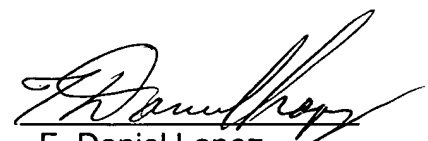
The difference comprises that there is a valve return spring placed inside the valve seat, having each of two ends attached to a respective one of the valves.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, preferably **accompanies** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Lopez whose telephone number is 571-272-4821. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:15 AM -3:45 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Look, can be reached on 571-272-4820. The official fax number is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature should be directed to the Help Desk, whose telephone number is 1-800-PTO-9199.



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